

This half term Year 4 are learning about:



English

In English, Year 4 will be learning a 'portal story' called 'Elf Road'. They will focus on writing paragraphs, using commas in a list and prepositional phrases. They will then move onto learning how to write a non-chronological report. When writing these, they will focus on adverbs and prepositions to show both time and cause. The children in Year 4 will also continue to develop their handwriting and spelling skills throughout the term. In spelling, the children will focus on words with the /s/ sound spelt 'sc', the -sion ending, apostrophes for possession (singular and plural) as well as Year 3/4 Statutory Words. In Year 4, we will be finishing the class book "The Girl Who Lost a Leopard" by Nizrana Farook as well as starting "Wildsmith: Into the Dark Forest" by Liz Flanagan.

Mathematics



Year 4 will begin by finishing off their Mass, Volume and Length unit before moving onto looking at measurements – particularly, the area of shapes. Also, during this half term, we will begin working with Roman Numerals, followed by negative numbers. The children will then move onto Geometry. In this topic, they will learn about types of angles and lines of symmetry on shapes and figures. They will also combine this knowledge and understanding to sort a variety of 2-D shapes. Further on in the term, children will learn how to describe the positions of objects and figures as well as how to describe positions on grids, using coordinates.

Children will continue to develop their arithmetic skills through their Morning Work, regular arithmetic tests and daily multiplication tests.

History: Ancient Greece

In History, the children be learning who the Ancient Greeks were and place their civilisation in time. We will then move onto understanding the different types of government in Ancient Greece, comparing the two city-states of Athens and Sparta. We will also use sources to find out about daily life in Greece, find out about religion, and explore the legacy of Greek scholars and philosophers.

Science: Plants

In Science, we will be learning all about plants. We are going to learn all about the parts of a flowering plant (including the flower itself) and their functions. We will also be looking at pollination, and an insect's role in this, as well as seed dispersal. During this topic, we will be planning and completing an investigation with a focus on how water is transported through plants.

Art: Pastels

In Art this half term, we will be looking at the work of the artist Edgar Degas and his use of pastels to create form and movement within an image. The children will begin to show awareness of representing texture through the choice of marks and lines made as well as experimenting with different grades of pastel. We will plan and create a drawing (using pastels) inspired by Degas' work.

PE

In PE, Year 4 will have a focus on athletics (on Tuesdays). The children will develop their sprinting skills – including passing a baton in a relay, learning how to perform a triple jump and performing pull throws, measuring the distance of their throw.

We will continue with swimming lessons weekly (on Wednesdays). We are really impressed with their progress so far!

Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning include:

- transportation
- pollination
- democracy
- sources
- puberty
- form

Things to do at home:

- Regular reading. When your child has finished their book, ask them questions about what they have read.
- Play on Times Table Rock Stars for 10 minutes daily.
- Complete weekly homework tasks.
- Take your child for a swim.

RE/PSHE



In Year 4, the first topic is called 'New Life.' Children will learn how the new life of the Easter message is spread through the power of the Holy Spirit. During this unit, the children will have a special focus upon the life of the Saint Paul and scripture readings from the Acts of the Apostles.

In our second topic, 'Building Bridges' we will learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how Christians can 'build bridges' through using different scriptures.

PSHE

Our Mission Circle/Circle Time themes for Pentecost I are as follows: Missionary Discipleship, Faith, Vocation, Witness, Example and Communication. The children have a mission each week to live out after they have discussed the topics within their groups.

RSE

Year 4's module is called 'Created and Loved by God' which explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are made in the image and likeness of God, it helps the children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.